

The RCC Weekly

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New Grants for RCC

Walmart PRESS (Persistence, Retention and Student Success) for Completion

As an Achieving the Dream (AtD) Leader College, RCC was eligible to apply for this \$100,000 grant. The grant will enable us to engage faculty and staff in significant campus-based reform efforts. RCC will use these funds, in part, to ensure that students are properly placed and advised as they enroll in college-level English and Math.

Next Stop: College

This grant from the MA Department of Education gives students who have completed and passed the GED exam an opportunity to prepare themselves for college courses. Beginning this fall, students will take Microcomputer Applications and College Experience.



New Art, New Policy

As you may remember, the College acquired 70 pieces of art from the Art Connection last spring. In an effort to showcase that art properly in the Academic Building, we are instituting a new policy for hanging flyers. In a few weeks, we will be installing bulletin boards that will be utilized for posting flyers. **Flyers can no longer be posted on the walls. Flyers must be on the bulletin board.**

We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

RCC Welcomes Dr. Turner

The Board of Trustees of Roxbury Community College has voted to recommend the appointment of Dr. Linda Edmonds Turner as Interim President of the institution, effective July 2. Previously, Dr. Turner served as president of the Urban College of Boston (UCB), a two-year college that serves non-traditional students from lower-income and diverse neighborhoods throughout the city. Dr. Turner's nomination will be submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education for its approval.



Dr. Turner earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Clothing, Textiles, and Related Art. She holds both an M.B.A. and Ph.D. from Virginia Tech University in Business Administration, as well as a Master of Science Degree in General Ecology from Michigan State University. Finally, Dr. Turner completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Higher Education Administration at Harvard University.

We extend a warm welcome to Dr. Turner.

Life Sciences Center

At its meeting on Wednesday, July 18th, the Design Board for the Department of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) selected the architectural firm to build our new Life Sciences Center. The firm is Chan Krieger, a long-standing firm in the Boston area. In the fall, you will see the architects on campus during the study phase of the project. We will keep you informed as we learn more about their work schedule.



RCC faculty and staff . . . on the road again



Nancy Teel, Virginia Magboo, Javad Moulai and Veronica McCormack (pictured above) recently attended the ALP (Accelerated Learning Program) conference in Baltimore, MD. You can expect to hear much more about this program in the fall. Click [HERE](#) to visit the conference website.



David Perkinson, Title III Classroom Technology Specialist, put a word in the President's ear when he attended the ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) in San Diego CA. He will share some of the gems he picked up in the fall.

Visitors from New Zealand

In June, two educators who are on sabbatical from their schools in New Zealand visited with a group of RCC administrators and educators. Peter Tootell, Principal of Trident High school, and Rosemary Johnson, Regional Campus Manager of Waiariki Institute of Technology (post-secondary, much like our community college), spent a productive afternoon discussing the similarities between our two systems. The majority of their students are Maori, the indigenous people of New Zealand, and many of them face the same socioeconomic conditions that our students face.

They were aware of our work through our Achieving the Dream initiative. We were one of two colleges that they visit in America, and the only one in Boston. They wanted to learn more about:

- projects that support the transition from high schools to college;
- projects that increase the numbers of college-going students;
- projects that encourage students to re-engage after dropping out of college;
- and strategies used by high schools to ensure student success within the first year of the post-secondary experience.

We were able to share some of our strategies, experiences, and successes with them.



Mark Your Calendar

August 29: Adjunct Faculty Dinner

September 4: Faculty institute